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In re Application of:

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THRO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 17 and add the following claims:

Claim 18. A method of achieving centraception by inhibition of ovulation in a female human comprising administering to female humans a composition comprising nonegestrol and/or an ester thereof, and estradiol or an ester or ether thereof, in a weight ratio of estrogenic fraction to